

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7

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Mr. Tom Winters, Chairman Doniphan County Rural Water District 1 406 Maple Street Leona, KS 66532

RE:

Letter of Warning and Request for Information Doniphan County Rural Water District 1 PWS ID No. KS2004305

## LETTER OF WARNING and REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Mr. Winters:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) protects public drinking water supplies throughout the nation. Under the SDWA, the Environmental Protection Agency sets standards for drinking water quality and, with its state partners, implements various technical and financial programs to ensure drinking water safety.

According to the EPA's records, your System has longstanding SDWA violations, including:

- Failure to provide required public notice for SDWA violations
- Failure to issue Consumer Confidence Reports
- Failure to monitor for asbestos

Section 1445(a) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-4(a), authorizes the EPA to require owners and operators of public water systems to provide information necessary for EPA to determine whether the PWS is acting in compliance with the SDWA. Please provide information concerning Doniphan County Rural Water District 1 (System), as requested below, within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter.

The instructions for responding to the inquiries are as follows:

- a. Your response must be in writing.
- b. A separate narrative response must be made for each question set forth below, and for any subpart of each question.

c. Label each response with the corresponding number of the question and any subpart to which it responds.

Pursuant to Section 1445(a) of the SDWA, the System is directed to provide the EPA the following information.

- 1. Name and street address of the operator or operators of the System, and state certification number, if applicable. Do not provide a post office box. If this is a corporation, provide the names, titles, and addresses of officers.
- 2. The System's plans to come into compliance with the SDWA, including, but not limited to, any plans to connect or merge with another public water system.

Please submit your response to:

Mr. Scott Marquess
US Environmental Protection Agency Region 7
WWPD/WENF
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, KS 66219
marquess.scott@epa.gov

This requirement to submit information is mandatory. Compliance with this requirement does not relieve the System of any liability for violations of the SDWA. The System may be subject to civil and criminal sanctions if it provides misleading or false information or fails to provide the requested information. Information which the System provides may be used by the EPA in administrative, civil or criminal proceedings.

If you have any questions, please call Scott Marquess at 913-551-7131.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Flournoy

Director

Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division